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CAMBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

2007 has started on a positive note and we are already well into our busy Term 1 programme. The school athletics and swimming competitions have been held, Year 13's have had an enjoyable camp at Waitomo and Year 9's are on their camps.

Towards the end of Term 4 last year the proposed Strategic Plan was widely circulated, we now look forward to implementing it over the course of the next 3 years. The school is committed to raising academic standards to improve the performance of our boys and to initiating a literacy initiative across all levels.

Academic Results

Cambridge High School's drive to improve our NCEA results is clearly reflected in the statistics summarising our 2006 results. 72% of all Year 11 students gained NCEA Level One, 60% of all Year 12 students gained NCEA Level Two and 60% of all Year 13 students gained University Entrance and 63% gained NCEA Level Three. Scholarship awards were gained by nine Year 13 students in individual subject areas. Major improvements occurred at both Year 11 and Year 13 and the school is now performing in line with other decile 8 schools. The school is now in a position to build upon these positive results and work towards even higher goals in the future.

Student progress was closely monitored throughout 2006 and parents were kept well informed, this proved to be a vital factor in improving our performance in NCEA. This concept is to be taken further in

2007 with the appointment of an additional Dean in Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 who will have the specific responsibility of monitoring student academic progress.

Major Projects

A number of new courses and subjects have been introduced for 2007 including Year 13 Science, Year 13 Outdoor Education and Year 11 Employment Skills. The Year 10 Option Structure has been redesigned to give students greater choice and new courses are now available in Commerce, Computing and Electronics. The Gateway Programme is being implemented which will give senior students the opportunity to gain work experience and vocational training whilst still at school.

A major emphasis will be placed upon our Core Values Programme where values such as: Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Kindness, Obedience, Compassion, Duty and Consideration are highlighted and promoted within the school environment. This term we are focusing on 'Respect'.

Several new building projects will take place during the course of the year. Our Maori Studies Suite, containing two classrooms, will be completed by the end of the month, the Arts block has been redecorated inside and out, and the Superloo is to be expanded, (this will soon go to tender). Stage 1 of the Gym development, including new changing rooms, office space and an activities room should be underway by the end

of Term 2 and planning is well underway for the provision of an additional computer suite and a student support centre. We are also presently awaiting the arrival of \$40,000 worth of new classroom furniture.

Extra Curricular Activities

This is an area which the school is seeking to further develop. In the cultural area our major school production is underway, it is intended that the school will participate in the Stage Challenge, a school Choir is being developed and students are being encouraged to participate in a number of instrumental groups.

In the sporting area two major initiatives are underway, the first being the production of a Strategic Plan that will co-ordinate major developments across all sporting codes. Secondly the school is also investigating the possibility of securing additional sources of funding.

Staffing

This year we welcome a number of new staff:

Alex Ball	PE
Bonny Cannon	Homeroom
Darron Cutler	Science
Kevin Derecourt	Maths
Reuben Healey	Commerce
Carl Hudson	PE
David Lemire	English
Christine Manson	Guidance Counsellor
Jason Morgan	Science
Angela O'Riley	Science
Stu Robinson	PE
Sally Robinson	Science
Darryl Ryder	Media studies/English
Mary Wilding	Social Sciences
Lis Wilson	Maths
Mike Woodlock	Social Sciences

Congratulations must also go to Di Hartwell who has taken up a new position at the University of Waikato and to Tom Coventry who has been appointed the Assistant Coach for the Hawkes Bay Rugby Union. Tom is taking a year leave of absence and we wish him well in his new endeavour.

Congratulations

To the following students who gained scholarship passes in their NCEA examinations: Charlotte Dunn, Ian Cronin, Mitchell Trezona, Jacqui Belcher, Katherine Mannell, Adam Johnson, Jacinda May and KimLong Ta.

Congratulations also to Ed Smith who gained a Wintec Pathway Secondary School Scholarship and to a former student, Richard George whose been awarded a New Zealand Dairy Industry Undergraduate Scholarship.



Phil McCreery
Principal

Nga Poutiaki Whanau Roopu Ahwina

Nga Poutiaki is Cambridge High School's Maori parents support group. We meet the 1st Tuesday of each month (excluding school holidays) to discuss issues pertaining to Maori students.

**Nau mai! Haere mai! Next meeting
Tuesday 6th March in the school
staff room.**

School Production

MAN OF STEEL



3rd, 4th & 5th April

... more information coming soon ...

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to the new school year and a special welcome to all our new students and parents/caregivers. We hope that your time here at Cambridge High will be successful and enjoyable.

A special welcome to all our new Staff, we the Board hope your stay with us at Cambridge High is also enjoyable and professionally challenging.

The roll stands at similar numbers to last year, but the Ministry will not allocate any further funding for teaching staff. The Board has decided this is not acceptable and has approved funding from school funds for one more teacher equivalent to alleviate this issue.

We are` also tight on classroom space, again this issue will be alleviated when the Maori resource room is completed in late March.

Shade sails and paving are in place outside the Gym and a number of other building projects are "on the boil". We will inform you of these as they firm up.

There have been some changes in the Senior management Team, Murray Feast has been appointed as a Deputy Principal with particular responsibility for pastoral care, Shane Tong has taken over responsibility for Personnel and Zane Holton has returned to the Art department as Head of Faculty Art.

We are presently advertising for a Deputy Principal with particular responsibility for

Curriculum, we hope to make this appointment by Term 2. Tom Coventry has been assisting the management team for the first 5-6 weeks of the term.

The feedback stage of the Strategic Plan is complete and the Board will sign off the Charter and Strategic Plan at a forthcoming meeting. The Annual Plan has been approved and will be communicated to all the school family in the next week.

The Ministry of Education has decreed that Board Elections be held in March in line with the rest of country. If you have an interest in governance of the school please consider standing. Details of when and how are included in this newsletter.

For those new to the school, pictures and contact details of the Board of Trustees are available on the school website.

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On behalf of the Board welcome again to 2007, it promises to be an exciting and challenging year for all involved in the school.



Greg Liddy
Chairman



Cameron Suisted
Head Boy



Katie Lugtigheid
Head Girl



Jeremy Clayton
Deputy Head Boy



Taryn Anderson
Deputy Head Girl

Adult Reading Tutors Required

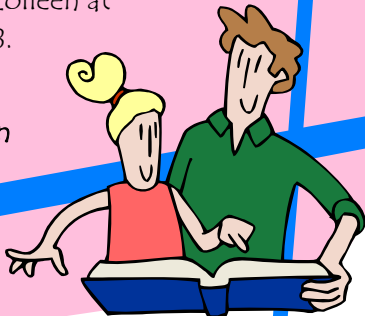
We would very much like to expand our numbers of voluntary reading tutors. These generous folk have done some fine work with individual school students during 2006 and we are now looking to restart the programme this year. Our numbers are down a bit so we would love to hear from people who might have an hour or two to spare during the school week. They would work one-on-one with students assisting them to improve their reading skills. We will offer training and support throughout this process.

If you have an interest in this we would like to hear from you please.

Please contact Colleen at 8275415 Ext 918.

Many thanks

Grant Ackerman
SENCo



Cambridge High School Board of Trustees Election

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice will be posted to all eligible voters.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 15 March 2007 and may be accompanied by a candidate's statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

The poll closes at noon on 29 March 2007.

A F Windsor
Returning Officer

Board of Trustees MEET THE CANDIDATES EVENING

Wednesday 21 March
7.30pm – Staffroom

Swimming & Tennis Champions

SWIMMING

Winning House - Churchill

Seniors

Caitlin Easter
Sam Garmonsway

Juniors

Christina Hanna
Russell Coldicott

TENNIS

Winning House - Churchill

Singles

Seniors

Anna Johnson
Josiah Simmonds

Juniors

Tony Devsich
Leagh Cameron

Doubles

Seniors

Anna Johnson and Julie Cameron
Josiah Simmonds and Jeremy Clayton

Juniors

Anna and Leagh Cameron
Nic Tomlinson and Tony Devsich





Muster – Saturday 10th March 10am – School Fields

If your child would like to play rugby this year, it is important that they attend the muster. We would like parents to attend as well so we can get all the registration forms and school forms filled in at the muster. Coaches will take their teams for a short session after the muster. Old school rugby jerseys will be on sale as training jerseys as well.

If your child plays a summer sport on this day, they need to see Mr Barr beforehand. It is important that summer codes are not affected by us this early so they take priority.

Rugby Sevens Saturday 24th March

We are hosting the Waikato Secondary Schools Sevens tournament this year. We need people to help with food stalls and as runners. This is potentially a good fundraiser for the club, so if you are able to help, please contact me.

Coaches, Managers, etc.

We need YOU! Every team needs two coaches and a manager as a minimum. If you can help out in any way then let me know. You could share a manager's job with someone else as well. Mr Williams is running coaches' clinics fortnightly on Monday afternoons with a clinic this Monday (26th Feb.). These are for anyone interested in coaching rugby at any level. Contact me for more information.

Malcolm Barr
Teacher in Charge of Rugby
Ph: 07 827 5415 ext. 853
Email: br@camhigh.school.nz

Raukawa Trust Counsellor

Rihari Kara will continue with his work supporting our Maori students. He will be available three days per week and works closely with Senior Management and the Guidance Department.

If a student is referred by the school, the caregivers of that student will be contacted. Should you, or your child wish to access this service, please contact either Mr Feast or Mr Gleave at the school.

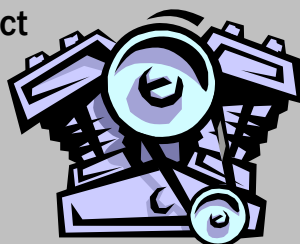
STUDENT DOCTOR

As part of a Pinnacle Health initiative to have Doctors in schools, parents and caregivers are reminded that Dr Ann Pearson is available for students to see on Tuesday afternoons free of charge.

WANTED

for the Automotive Department, any old lawnmowers or especially ride on lawnmowers suitable for modification.

Also, for the Year 11 engineering classes, any old 12 volt starter motors from cars, utes, small trucks etc. Please bring in to school or contact Technology Department on Ext. 840





Senior Students will be issued with a Student Guidelines Assessment Policy booklet by their form teacher very shortly. It is important that parents read this carefully as the booklet contains specific information about the school's assessment policy.

NZQA FEE



Advance notice that all Year 11,12 and 13 students must pay a set rate \$75 NZQA fee, this covers internal and external standards. If a student is not sitting external exams in November this money still must be paid. An invoice will be sent at the start of Term 2, the money will be due to the school office in August. If parents wish, they can set up an automatic payment now with Mrs Kidd. Students whose parents are on a benefit or income support will only need to pay \$20 as long as they fill out a form with Mrs Mckinnon. These forms are not available from NZQA until May.



Cambridge High School HIGH SCHOOL COACHES

Required at all levels and for all codes.

Sports that have coaching requirements include:
Cricket, Rugby, Soccer, Basketball,
Touch and Volleyball

**Volunteers are encouraged to leave a message
at 827 5415 Ext. 866**

Winter sports musters will occur within the next several weeks so there is some urgency to respond.

SUMMARY POINTS

- ❖ Student's have two weeks to appeal an internal assessment decision from the time the assessment task is handed back. This should go in the first instance to the subject teacher, and then may proceed to the Head of Faculty and Principal's Nominee until resolution is reached.
- ❖ If a student knows in advance they are going to miss an assessment deadline due to illness, family/personal trauma or a sporting/cultural activity, they **MUST** fill in a Missed Assessment Form, available from their subject teacher. If this was not possible, the Form must be filled in immediately the student returns to school and given to Mrs McKinnon. If an assignment is late without good reason there will be **NO** credits awarded – the computer ink cartridge running out, is not an acceptable excuse.
- ❖ All work must be the student's own, breaches of authenticity will result in no credits for that assignment.

SHORT TERM HOMESTAY PARENTS

(less than 10 weeks)

If long term hosting is not for you but you are interested in short term hosting of international students, the International Homestay Co-ordinator would like to hear from you. Call Vicki Morrison on 827 5415 Ext. 855

SCHOOL PROCEDURES

Sickness, Absentees and Lateness

The school will telephone if a child is absent. It is therefore, very helpful if parents / caregivers would contact the school office (827 5415 dial 1) during the morning to provide information about any absence. Students need a note when they return to school. If students are late to school they must report to the Deans Room with a note. If they do not have a note, they will be held there until the end of the period.

Appointments

Where possible, please ensure all doctor and other appointments are made for out of school hours.

First Aid

The school's First Aider supervises the Sick Bay during the day. Students who are injured or unwell should report to the student office or to the nearest teacher if the matter is urgent. Medication for severe allergies, migraines etc, should be handed to the Student Office Secretary who will hold it for use in emergencies. The school does not dispense painkillers except those held for specific students.

Injuries or Sickness

Under no circumstances should a student who is injured or unwell leave the school without reporting to the student office.

Clearance

Students leaving the school permanently must obtain a "Clearance Form". When it is completed the form must be handed back to the student office. (A student cannot be "cleared" until all school property on loan has been accounted for and all fees and charges paid).

Students Property

Students should take appropriate care in safeguarding their own possessions. Valuables should not be brought to school unless absolutely necessary. If they are, they should be left at the student office.



Up and Coming Events

Waikato Triathlon 15th March
Auckland Triathlon 27th March
Nationals Triathlon - start of April

Karapiro Lake
Maraetai Beach

Written by :
Taeko Kiminami
 Teacher of Japanese

Japan Trip 2007

Seven of our senior students taking Japanese are soon going to Japan during the April school holidays.

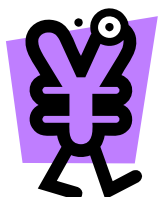
This trip is a joint one with Japanese students at St Peters' School. This is also the very first curriculum-based school trip to Japan from our school.

We will mostly be sightseeing around Japan, visiting famous or historical places. In Tokyo we will meet up with Akiko, our Japanese assistant teacher, who will go back to Japan in April, after a year of voluntary teaching experience in our school.

One of the valuable experiences would be staying with a Japanese family for two nights. Our students will also visit Seiritsu Gakuen, our newest Japanese sister-school in Tokyo, for one day and attend classes.

OUR ITINERARY

Date	Activities	Date	Activities
7 April	From Auckland Airport to Kansai International Airport Stay in Osaka	13 April	Kyoto to Tokyo - Tokyo Metropolitan Government observation Deck etc.
8 April	To Hiroshima	14 April	Day trip to Kamakura - famous Buddha statue - temples - beaches
9 April	At Hiroshima - Peace Museum & Memorial Park - <i>Itsukushima</i> shrine (world heritage) on Miyajima island	15 April	Meet Japanese host families (homestay) - spend the day with the family
10 April	To Himeji - <i>Himeji</i> castle - lunch under cherry trees To Kyoto	16 April	School visit (homestay)
11 April	At Kyoto - Imperial Palace - Golden temple - <i>Kiyomizudera</i> temple - markets - cherry blossom path - night festival	17 April	At Tokyo - shopping in Harajuku, Shibuya & Akihabara - aquarium/ <i>Sumida</i> river cruise etc.
12 April	Day trip to Nara - <i>Todaiji</i> temple - Deer Park - shrines Kyoto - shopping	18 April	At Tokyo - Tokyo Disney Land
		19 April	From Narita Airport to Auckland Airport (overnight flight)
		20 April	Arrive in Auckland Airport



Excited students (from left)
 Shane Baillie (12Sn)
 Courtney Carson (12Bl)
 Kyle Welten (12Vn)
 Tim Wilson (12Bh)
 Lauren Phillips (11Mo)
 Jordan Miller (11Br)
 Hamish Williams (11Sl) – absent

